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Dear Parents/carers,

Summer Term Overview – Year 5&6 Normanby Class

Welcome back after what I hope was a most enjoyable Easter break. This letter will outline the key information that you need to know about this Summer Term. Please take time to read it and familiarise yourself with it.

SAT's

As I am sure many of you are aware we have the Yr. 6 SATs coming up very soon. These tests will be for all children in Yr. 6 and the tests are looking at formally assessing their reading, SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar) and maths. I will be holding a parents' information meeting next Monday, 18th April after school for 30 minutes and this is for all parents of Yr. 6 children; please do attend as the tests have changed this year.

Trip To Brighton

As you are already aware I am taking the Years 5&6 children to Brighton to attend a special iPads session at the Apple Mac store in Brighton. This trip will be on Thursday 21st April and we will be travelling by train. More details have been sent home now, but those of you who have hot meals, please ensure that you are cancel your meal in advance.

Curriculum:

This term is very much focusing on revision of our key skills in English and Maths. In English we are going to be looking at developing our writing skills, looking at a special book called 'The Arrival' by Marcus Tan. We will be continuing to prepare the children for their reading and SPAG tests, ensuring that they are as well practised as they can be. In Maths we will be going through general revision, but will be spending time looking at roman numerals, data analysis and fractions.

In computing we are going to be looking at E-Safety and will be looking at how to stay safe online, with a particular focus on personal data, privacy and cyber bullying. This unit is designed to teach the children how to behave online and to equip them with skills they need to stay safe online. To complement this in school training I am going to be running a school parents E-Safety awareness workshop, watch out for an upcoming letter to tell you more.

Science this term is 'Animals & Humans' and is more of a biological unit. We are focusing very much on the biology of humans and will be looking at the role of vital organs within our body and the effects that exercise, drugs and alcohol can have on the human body. This unit will be followed by one on electricity, where we will further develop our understanding of how circuits work and how electrical items work.

Our new free flow topic this term is looking at The Groovy Greeks and the children are going to be doing some flipped learning – researching, presenting and teaching others. The children will be carrying out some of this work at home, so a trip to the local library would be really beneficial. In the second half of the summer term we move onto 'Castles and Dragons' and this is a very exciting topic that will be enjoyed across the whole school. We have a lot of plans for this, so watch out for a truly medieval term.

Our PE units of work this term start with cricket and athletics and they move onto striking & fielding games and golf. The children no longer need their cold weather kit; they need to have blue or black shorts and either a school PE shirt, or a plain white one. The standard of PE kit in class has been recently falling, please ensure that the children have the appropriate kit in school all week as our PE lessons are more flexible and so kit will be expected every day of the week.

Homework:

Between now and the SATs the children in Yr 6 will be given regular homework in maths and will be given English as and when it is needed. I do expect that the children are carrying out their own independent revision each night, using the resources that we have provided as a school. It would be most beneficial if you could support your child in their revision process by talking to them about what they are learning and providing a regular opportunity to work in a quiet location to revise.

Children in Yr 5 will have a project-based piece of homework in the first half term; this will come out next week. This piece will be explained to them in school, but will be based around a book of their choice. The children will be asked to work each week on the project and produce a Freeflow style project on their chosen book. This will then be handed in at half term.

As always we have an open door policy, so if you have any concerns then please do come and see s to discuss them. Alternatively you are welcome to email me on nmatthews6.938@lgflmail.org and I will get back to you as soon as possible. The summer is always a very busy and exciting term and I look forward to working with the class during our final term this year.

Kind regards

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